Surrender of Harkat-ul-Mujahideen activists in Assam

1106. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dreaded Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HUM) activists have surrendered in Assam and laid down arms, under pressure from religious leaders;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any further moves have been made/are being made by religious leaders to secure surrender by misguided youth belonging to militant outfits in Assam and Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Toning up of intelligence mechanism

1107. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plan to tone up intelligence mechanism to counter insurgency and to that end propose to set up a multifaceted agency to counter terrorism;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter indicating details of the plan; and

(c) the steps since taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Group of Ministers (GoM) set up in April, 2000, to review the national security system in its entirety, *inter-alia*, examined all aspects relating to the intelligence set up in the country. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers have been accepted. It is